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## Newsletter

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### Thanks

... to those who supported our interschool swimming sports team  
... to those who attended this week's Multiple Intelligences meeting.  
(happy to meet with anyone unable to make this meeting at a time convenient to you).

### Term calendar ... *More to follow as dates come to hand!*

15 March	Year 7 and 8 tennis doubles
21/22 March	Individual & Team Duathlon events
23 March	Kids Lit Quiz
24 March	Year 7 and 8 vaccinations
13 April	Final day of term 1

### Precious Toys / Trading Cards

A reminder please to ensure that children do not bring precious toys or trading cards to school. If your child does have a precious item they would like to share, this could be brought to school by arrangement, shared at an appropriate time, and then looked after by their teacher until home time.

### Pool Gate

A reminder to pool users to please ensure that the pool gate is locked when you leave. This is one of the obligations that all pool users have and is critical from a safety point of view.

(Please also remember to close all boundary gates when entering or exiting the school).

### School Duathlon Events – 21 &/or 22 March

For year 4-8 students, will take place as follows -

Team event - Tuesday 21 March 12.50-1.40pm

Individual Event - Wednesday March 12.50-1.40pm

Students will need bike, helmet & appropriate clothing. Parents welcome on the day to support. Any questions in the run up to this event should be directed to Mr Delemare please.

### A New Service for Year 7 & 8 Students

Our year 7 and 8 teachers will oversee senior study time in room 12 from 3:00 to 4:00pm every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

This is for year 7 and 8 students only and is an opportunity for students to do assigned homework in a quiet study space with support where needed. There will be no cost to parents. This programme is open to students on both the full Cambridge and mixed programmes. Students may attend only one or all three sessions at the discretion of their parents. Parents will need to pick their children up at 4:00pm on the day please. If you would like your child to participate in the study support programme you can register them this weekend by emailing Mrs Donaldson on [kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz](mailto:kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz)

## Items in last week's newsletter (Please access via our website or call the school office)

Missed interviews ... options  
Needing guidance with digital devices  
Sunday Chess

Learning Support Programmes  
Special arrangements for payment of contributions & fees  
Sun Safety

### Carpark

Thank you to those people who are taking great care to enter and exit our upper carpark safely, as well as ensuring they move quickly from the drop off zone. **Although there has been a huge improvement** here we understand that some people persist in parking in the areas marked with yellow lines. As this does constitute a significant potential risk to children we feel obliged to monitor this very closely and request police support with enforcement of this rule if necessary.



Parents are asked to be patient with other parents, to understand that things sometimes don't go to plan etc. ... **but if you notice a vehicle repeatedly parked in the areas marked by yellow lines please forward the time, date and registration number to the school office.**

Please remain considerate of other users and above all keep safety front and centre.

### Year 7 and 8 Lit Quiz

Congratulations to those children representing us in this event. Consents were sent home this week for this event to be held 23.3. Please ensure consents are returned to school by the end of next week. Any questions in the run up to this event to Mr LeBreton please.

### Year 7 and 8 Interschool Doubles Tennis Competition (15 March)

Forms requesting expressions of interest in this event were sent home earlier this week but the school has minimal response. If you would like your child to participate in this event, whether or not you received a form, please contact Mrs Donaldson on Monday.

### School Hockey Teams

A notice was sent home last Friday for parents to register their child's interest in playing hockey for our school. The teams cater for children in years 2-6. If you haven't returned your form please do so early Monday morning as we need to set a date for trials & form the teams. Any queries please email Helen in the school office by Monday.



### International Schools English and Maths Competitions

Consent forms for the above competitions were sent out this week. If your child did not receive a consent form, and you would like them to participate in both or either of these competitions, please contact the school office NEXT WEEK. A reminder that consents are due back **no later than 23 March** please. Remember also that these exams are difficult and best suit motivated students, with reasonable study routines and some space for the additional homework load. Happy to answer any questions. The English Exam is scheduled for 1 August and the Maths Exam for 15 August.

### Cambridge programme - Year 7 and 8

Meeting for parents of children new to the programme, and any other interested parents, will be advised next week.

### Sunscreen offer

You may like to apply sunscreen each morning to your child, we understand on good authority that there is an 8 Hour sunblock which is highly effective, 50 plus protection (but not water resistant). **This normally retails for \$34 for 150 ml (quite expensive) but David's Pharmacy will sell this to you with a 10% discount if you say you are associated with Matarau School.**

### Finally

I thought I would share a comment from a student this week which highlights the special regard many girls have for their dads. I was chatting with some junior children this week who were showing me their marbles collections. A 5 year old girl told me that her dad was really good at marbles. I asked her why he was so good at marbles and she told me it was because he was farmer. As I pondered the link between marbles and

farming I realised that in her mind dad was her hero, good at everything of course, this required no further explanation, it was simply a given.

Regards  
Kevin Trehwella  
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## Community Notices

**AgriKids** – Northern Region Final. Kamo High School, 18 March 2017. Enter a team for a fun day. Must be 8+ years old. Contact Chevon Horsford on 021 0235 7844 or checkout [agrikidsnz.co.nz](http://agrikidsnz.co.nz)

**WANTED HOUSE TO RENT** in Matarau / Ruatangata area for professional couple with 1 intermediate aged child. Please phone 0204 137 6787

**Kamo Junior Rugby is registering players for the 2017 season** Rally day for players will be at club Tuesday March 7<sup>th</sup> at the following times JBN -JB2 5.30-6.30.pm; JB3-JB4 6.30-7.00pm; JB5 up 7.00pm- 8.00pm; Registrations close March 22<sup>nd</sup> To Register go online to [www.sporty.co.nz/kamorse](http://www.sporty.co.nz/kamorse) and follow the instructions.

**MID NORTHERN RUGBY** - Junior rugby roll up - Saturday 18th March, 10am at the club. Come along, meet the coaches and players. Bring your friends as well!! We'll have a couple games for the kids and maybe a BBQ. The kids will be in boots this year so we will do a boot swap too so bring along any boots that don't fit. (Sportclub out there with boots for sale). Registration is done online so if you haven't had a registration email sent to you, give Jo Gunson your email address. Any questions ring on 0275 738 055.

To Rent: Sunny 4 bdrm home, 2 bthrms, dbl gg + OSP, Wakelin St, 10 mins to Matarau Sch, all Kamo facilities, sports, doctors etc. Avail soon. Pls call Hana 0274352786

**Gala Day** – Hikurangi Saturday 8 April, George Street, Hikurangi, 10-2pm. Fun & food for all at the Village Church Childcare Centre, call on 433 8303 for more information.

**Drama and Musical Theatre Classes** It's not too late to enrol for drama or musical theatre classes. In fact, there's no time like the present! Join our dynamic engaging classes for beginners to advanced performers. Email us today to book your child in, details on our website [www.makingascene.co.nz](http://www.makingascene.co.nz) or ph Helen on 021 172 3568

**WAGS (Gymnastics), Holiday programme** starts Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April. 5-14 yr olds. Ph 437 6667 or email [wags.gym@xtra.co.nz](mailto:wags.gym@xtra.co.nz) for more info.

**Junior Squash** at the Kamo Squash Club Wednesday nights. The squash club is part of the Kamo Rugby Club in Butler Place. Students new to squash are very welcome to come and have a go. Junior nights will run from 3.30 - 5.30. Racquets available. We just ask that people bring clean sports shoes. Queries to Fiona - [mooseandfi@gmail.com](mailto:mooseandfi@gmail.com).

### Year 1 - 2 Netball players needed to play for Matarau School

We have nearly four teams for this Netball season. Thank you for those who have returned their form. At this stage we have two year 3-4 teams and a year 5 team. There is also interest by a few year 1 - 2 students but unfortunately we don't have enough players to make a team at this stage. So, if you think your son or daughter is keen to play this season please come and see Miranda Pol for a form or ask at the office. Thank you.

**Old Mobile Phones** – please send in any old cell phones to the school office & we'll send them away for recycling. Thanks

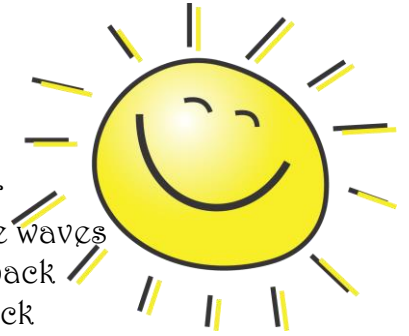
# Summer

Do you remember Summer?

Sure you do.

When you smelled the salty sea water  
and you were jumping right over the massive waves  
and you were so tired you laid on your back  
and you let the white wash ride your back

That was Summer.



Do you remember Summer?

Remember when you went fishing with Dad?

Sure you do.

We were waiting for ages

Then Dad caught that 70cm snapper

Remember how you caught that King Fish?  
and it sprayed blood everywhere on the boat

That was Summer.



Remember that time

When you threw your surfboard into the water  
and you paddled out deep?

Remember how you paddled as hard as you could?  
and you caught the wave

Remember how your friend's were shouting at you  
Go Go Go

That was Summer.



Remember the sweet perfume of the mountain grass

That you rolled down?

Remember how you stayed up late?

and you were partying with your friends

Remember the taste of the sizzling sausages on the BBQ

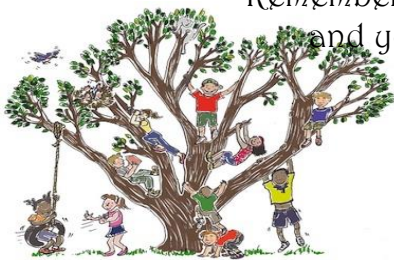
Remember how you and your friends were playing collectors?

and you climbed as high as you could on that old oak tree

Remember how you got stuck?

and your friends had to help you down?

That was Summer.



By Ava (Room 11)

## Whangarei InterSchool Swimming Sports Results

**Congratulations to our  
awesome Matarau  
swimmers**

TeAarahi & Ava will be  
representing our school at the  
Northland event in April

Name	Event	Placing	Name	Event	Placing
Summer C	Y4 Backstroke	10	Asher O	Y6 Backstroke	4
Summer D	Y4 Backstroke	13	Hazza B	Y6 Breastroke	8
Summer C	Y4 Breastroke	4	Asher O	Y6 Breastroke	9
Summer C	Y4 Freestyle	9	Asher O	Y6 Freestyle	6
TeAarahi T	Y4 Freestyle	2	Hazza B	Y6 Freestyle	8
Leon W	Y4 Freestyle	12	Caitlin H	Y7 Backstroke	9
Te Aarahi T	Y4 Backstroke	13	Caitlin H	Y7 Breastroke	9
Leon W	Y4 Backstroke	19	Caitlin H	Y7 Freestyle	11
Mila P	Y5 Backstroke	15	Kobi R	Y7 Freestyle	7
Mila P	Y5 Breastroke	8	Jynaia H	Y8 Backstroke	4
Morgan C	Y5 Breastroke	14	Jaimee D	Y8 Backstroke	6
Morgan C	Y5 Freestyle	7	Jaimee D	Y8 Breastroke	7
Caden G	Y5 Breastroke	12	Jaimee D	Y8 Freestyle	4
Ava P	Y6 Backstroke	4	Misha CS	Y8 Freestyle	10
Esther W	Y6 Backstroke	20	Connan W	Y8 Backstroke	9
Esther W	Y6 Breastroke	10	Nathan H	Y8 Backstroke	7
Ava P	Y6 Freestyle	1	Connan W	Y8 Freestyle	9